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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/216,076
Filing Date	December 18, 1998
Examiner Name	J. Garcia
First Named Inventor	NI, Cheng-Tsung et al.
Group Art Unit	2823
Attorney Docket Number	16517-003800

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.


- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1430
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
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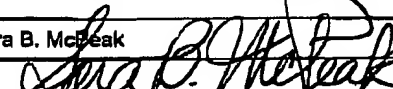
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cheng-Tsung Ni et al.

Application No.: 09/216,078

Filed: December 18, 1998

For: METHOD OF
SIMULTANEOUSLY IMPLEMENTING
DIFFERENTIAL GATE OXIDE
THICKNESS USING FLUORINE
BEARING IMPURITIES

Examiner: J. Garcia

Art Unit: 2823

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims 2, 6, 20, 24, 24, 27, 28 and 32 for the pending claims of the same numbers. A clean copy of the claims is included herein below and a marked-up copy of the claims showing the most recent amendments is included herewith as Appendix A in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(c).

2. (Three times amended herein) A method of forming a semiconductor device comprising:

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